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I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued on 6 September by the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Armenia.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement issued on 6 September 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia on the situation in the region

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia expresses its deep concern regarding threatening statements made by neighbouring States and news reports of military movements in the region, which have created an atmosphere of distrust and alarm.

These actions, ostensibly in reaction to the situation on the ground or to domestic public opinion, are occurring at a time when there is a significant decline in military activities as well as improvement in the diplomatic arena.

During the past few days an agreement has been reached between Azerbaijan and Nagorny Karabakh, mediated by the Russian Federation, to extend the cease-fire. Nagorny Karabakh has unilaterally withdrawn its armed forces from the Kubatli region at the request of the President of the Republic of Armenia. Agreement has also been reached to continue the direct dialogue between the two parties to the conflict at the highest level. In addition, at the invitation of the chairmanship and with the agreement of all concerned, the informal consultations of the Minsk Group will resume in Moscow on 9 September.

These developments inspire confidence that the parties to the conflict have finally reached the conclusion that a military solution to the problem is undesirable and impossible and that the end of the conflict may be near.

Under the circumstances, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia would expect all concerned to manifest restraint and caution. It is especially important that neighbouring and other concerned States resist the temptation to use the Nagorny Karabakh conflict for the pursuit of larger aims, thus exacerbating the situation and complicating further the resolution of the conflict. Neutrality in the conflict, concern for regional security and circumspection remain necessary conditions to all mediation efforts.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia appeals to the international community and individual States to support more actively current efforts for peace and to join Armenia in using their influence with the parties to the conflict not to resume military operations and to implement United Nations Security Council resolutions 822 (1993) and 853 (1993).

We are also hopeful that the international community will act in time to prevent the internationalization of the conflict.